

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re U.S. Patent Application of  
BRASSIL *et al.*  
Application Number: To be Assigned  
Filed Concurrently Herewith  
For: HIGH DATA RATE COMMUNICATION

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Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace the below claims as follows:

1. (Amended.) A method of transferring data between a first communications device and a second communications device, the second communications device having a first transceiver for communication at a first data rate over a long range, and a second transceiver for communicating at a second, higher data rate over a short range, the method comprising the steps of forming a co-ordinated short-range network using the second communications device and a plurality of other similar communications devices, transferring a portion of said data to or from the first communications device from or to each of said second communications device and said other communications device using their first transceivers, and transferring said data portions between said other communications devices and the second communications device using their second transceivers.